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1. Response to Restriction Requirement mailed September 29, 2003; and
2. Return Post Card.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 29, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.